

June 2018

## 6th Class Graduation

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class children will be celebrating their eight year journey through St. Paul's with a thanksgiving ceremony where they will reflect on their years here in St. Paul's School.

The ceremony will take place in St. Paul's Church at 7pm on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

It is time to say farewell to another amazing group of boys and girls in 6th class who are beginning a new chapter in secondary school.

We would like to take this opportunity to give them our best wishes as they take the next step on their educational journey through life. It has been wonderful having you as students of St. Paul's school over the past eight years and I'm sure you made lasting friendships along the way.

You will continue to be in our prayers as you make your journey on to new places.



Each child will be presented with a certificate and we invite parents and guardians to join us for light refreshments kindly provided by our Parents' Association in our School Atrium in Scoil Carmel directly after the ceremony.

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## Summer holidays

Our school will CLOSE on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 NOON for all pupils and will RE-OPEN on Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8.30am.

Our SCHOOL OFFICE will be open from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 2pm each day.



Special points of interest:

- Graduation Mass and Ceremony on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in St. Paul's Church
- Book and Uniform Sale on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8pm in our School Hall
- Active Summer Camp running from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>

## Book and Uniform Sale



St. Paul's Parents' Association will facilitate the sale of Second-hand School Books and Second-Hand Uniforms on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall from 7pm to 8pm.

## Academic year 2018/2019

### Junior Infants, Sept 2018

Our New Junior Infant children met with their teachers on Friday, June 15th and we look forward to them starting in Sept 2018.



Is your child leaving our school at the end of this school year? If you are moving and your child will NOT be returning to us in the new school year, it is vital that you

make contact with Marion in the Office as soon as possible. We have a number of children on waiting lists for all classes and we would like to be able to contact these parents as soon as possible.

If over the Summer months your family decide to move and have to leave our school, could you please inform us by emailing the school at [stpaulsdooradoyle@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsdooradoyle@gmail.com).

### Junior Infants, Sept. 2019

If you have a child starting school in September 2019, we would urge you to send in an application

as closing date for Junior Infants Sept. 2019 is October 24th, 2018.



## Sport and Activities

We had an outstanding year of activities as you will have read in our monthly newsletters and website blogs.

I would like to commend each and every child for their participation and enthusiasm. It is a great way to make new friends, learn the

importance of team work whilst encouraging every child to be physically active and have a positive attitude towards an active lifestyle and having fun along the way.

I would like to thank all our teachers, helpers and coaches who

dedicated such time and energy to training and encouraging our pupils in all these events i.e. sport, dance, music etc.,



## Active Summer Camp

An Active SUMMER CAMP will take place in St. Paul's School (Scoil Carmel) for boys and girls from Seniors to 5th Class organised by our teachers Mr. Hutton, Mr. Walsh and Mr. J.J Tuohy.

Date: July 2nd to July 6th

Time: 10am to 2pm daily.

Venue: Scoil Carmel

If interested in booking a place for your child, please contact Mr. Hutton or Mr. Walsh as soon as possible as there are only a limited number of places remaining.

Forms can be obtained from the school office or email [activecamp2018@gmail.com](mailto:activecamp2018@gmail.com)

### Activities include:

- Orienteering
- Soccer & Crab Soccer
- Art
- Tag Rugby
- GAA
- Quizzes
- Obstacle courses and Sack Races
- Dodge Ball
- Board Games and much more....

## Music Generation

The NATIONAL SCHOOL SUMMIT took place in Thomond Park on Wednesday, June 13th where over 1,000 children experienced a musical show by the Music Generation tutors and the pupils got the opportunity to create a group on the spot piece of music. They will also saw/heard the recordings that they have worked on throughout they year.

Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5th class from St. Paul's attended.

Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme. It aims to foster engagement with music for young people of all ages in all areas of Limerick city.



A huge thank you to

Ms. Fitzgerald

for all her amazing work with our children over the year.

## Music Generation Roadshow

All 6th class children had a wonderful opportunity to participate in an interactive performance workshop in our school on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The roadshow included live music, multi-media and interactive elements.

The band brought together some of the region's top rappers, singers, instrumentalists and producers. They included solo artists and member of bands, including Hermitage Green and Rusangano Family (winners of the 2017 Choice Music Award).

This performance workshop used current chart music as a starting point for exploring two musical traditions which form the basis of western chart music.

All children thoroughly enjoyed the event.

## Green School

Thanks to Mrs. Bernard and her team for all the hard work and commitment to help improve our environment during the year. It was indeed a very busy, fun and productive year.....Some programmes they were involved in during the year:-

- Leaf Programme—*Ms. Kelly's 3rd class took part in this programme throughout the year covering environmental issues and learning about forests which included a visit to Curraghchase Forest Park.*
- Beat the Street Campaign
- The Great Plant Hunt
- Be Safe Be Seen initiative
- 10 at 10 Operation Transformation
- TLC4 (Team Limerick Clean up) initiative sponsored by JP McManus.....where our classes took to cleaning up our school grounds.

We are well on our way towards our 5th Green Flag—BIODIVERSITY....our committee will be back in full swing again in September!!





## Meeting the President



Two of our pupils, Tara O'Brien & Anna O'Sullivan from Mr. Kirby's 5th Class had the great honour of being invited to meet Uachtarán na hÉireann, Michael D. Higgins at a family day garden party at Áras an Uachtaráin on Sunday, June 10th after writing a letter to him last year about their school, Munster Rugby and much more.

What a wonderful occasion it was for both girls and an honour for our school.

## Máire Rua Mass and Award



Our Máire Rua Award and Mass which was held on Friday, June 1st in the Redemptorist Church is the School's celebration of the work and huge contribution made by our teacher Mrs. McNamara R.I.P. in her many years here in St. Paul's.

Each year a child is chosen either by peers or teacher, for being the kindest child in his/her class. There is one overall winner in the school. **This years winner is Jack Kelly from Ms.O'Sullivan's 3rd class.**



# New School Project

Update from the Builder.....

*'Conack Constructions on site team are on programme and on budget with this project. Good weather over the last few weeks has helped us a lot with groundworks. The development will consist of the replacement of existing temporary prefabricated classroom into a new two storey extension comprising of the demolition of existing school single storey central block and replacement with a two storey 8 classroom block with GP Hall, with a total gross floor area 2,311m<sup>2</sup>; the refurbishment of the existing two storey classroom blocks and all ancillary accommodation. Site development works also include car parks, set down areas and recreational areas.'*



## Debating

Huge Congratulations to our Debating Team from Mr. O'Brien's 5th class on reaching the quarter finals of the Limerick County Primary Schools Debating Competition. The standard from all participating teams was considerably high and our teams worked very hard and prepared really well for the debates thanks to our dedicated teacher Mr. O'Brien.



All did themselves, their school and their families extremely proud. Congratulations to all.....

An article written by Kayla, Faith and Wanessa from Mr. O'Brien's 5th class about their debating experience.....

*'We were debating in a competition with 30 other schools. We were taught how to debate by Mr. O'Brien. We got as far as the quarter finals. Our favourite topics were 'the iphone is taking over our lives' and 'Ireland is the best place in the world to live'. Sometimes we stayed in at break and after school. We learned a lot from other teams and our speeches. We had an amazing time debating and would love to continue in the future.'*

## Attendance

There is a very strong tradition of good attendance in St. Paul's School.

From August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 our average attendance has been **93%**.

The following chart highlights the **top 5 classes**.



| Teacher           | Class          | Place | % Attendance |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Mr. T. O'Brien    | 5th Class      | 1st   | 95.3%        |
| Mr. J. Hutton     | Senior Infants | 2nd   | 94.8%        |
| Mr. C. O'Sullivan | 3rd Class      | 3rd   | 94.7%        |
| Ms. A. McNamara   | 1st Class      | 4th   | 94.4%        |
| Ms. A. O'Connell  | 1st Class      | 5th   | 94.2%        |

A big 'Bualadh Bos' to all pupils.

CONGRATULATION to the following students who achieved 100% ATTENDANCE up to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Ms. O'Malley—Junior Infants: Killian Micks, Caoimhe Long, Alice Berikishvili
- Ms. Ryan—Senior Infants: Holly O'Sullivan, Jack Hughes
- Mr. Hutton—Senior Infants: Bláithín Kiely
- Ms. Cullinane—1st Class: Kerron Nzeffe
- Ms. McNamara—1st Class: Amber Herlihy
- Ms. Reale—2nd Class: Caoimhín Dwane
- Ms. O'Sullivan—3rd Class: Ruairí Dwane
- Ms. Mortell—3rd Class: Ben McNamara
- Ms. Flannery—4th Class: Zoe Murnane
- Ms. Kenneally—4th Class: Caoimhe Sweeney
- Mr. O'Brien—5th Class: Mrinalika Sethukannan and Kayla Heffernan Prendergast
- Mr. Kirby—5th Class: Liliana Stokes Patrick
- Ms. Geary—6th Class: Angel Alfred







It's hard to imagine but we have almost reached the end of another academic year and as always a very busy one with lots of events and accomplishments i.e. Tours, Outings, Music, Arts, Green school, Sport, Debating, Robotics and so much more.. It has been non-stop excitement and entertainment all year.

Everybody has worked extremely hard throughout the year and are now all looking forward to a well deserved break.

It would be impossible to thank everyone in this newsletter that has volunteered, supported, showed interest in and contributed with such enthusiasm, often working unseen towards the success of our school year but I would like to thank all of you who have given of your time and talents.

I would particularly like to thank:-

Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, as partners in the education of your children for your help, support and co-operation in making the educational task a rewarding one for your child.

The Teaching Staff, SNA's and Ancillary Staff... for creating a warm, happy, caring and welcoming environment which emanated throughout the school ensuring our pupils have the very best learning experience.

To my fellow Board of Management members under the chairmanship of Fr. Leonard P.P., thank you for the many years of guidance and hard work helping me to manage our school so efficiently particularly this year as we move forward with our building project.

To all members of our active Parents' Association for your amazing support in many areas of school life creating a warm and vibrant school community.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our FANTASTIC CHILDREN who worked so hard all year. I am very proud of each and every one of you.

Have a happy, safe and enjoyable Summer everyone!

Regards,

John Tuohy,

Principal

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